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Country programme documents

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* that the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Armenia, Turkmenistan, Uganda and Zimbabwe (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.7-E/ICEF/2015/P/L.10), were made available to Member States for their comments and input from 23 March to 10 April 2015, in accordance with its decision 2014/1 on modifications to procedures for consideration and approval of country programme documentation;

2. *Approves* on a no-objection basis, and in accordance with decision 2014/1, the country programme documents, including aggregate indicative budgets, for Armenia, Turkmenistan, Uganda and Zimbabwe (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.7-E/ICEF/2015/P/L.10).

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Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF: performance and results for 2014, including a report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF: performance and results for 2014, including a report on implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (E/ICEF/2015/5 and E/ICEF/2015/5/Add.1);

2. *Decides* to transmit the above-mentioned report to the Economic and Social Council, along with the summary of the comments and guidance provided by delegations at the present session;

3. *Requests* UNICEF to link the future annual reports of the Executive Director to the Integrated Results and Resources Framework, and asks UNICEF to introduce a scorecard, in consultation with members of the Executive Board, on development and organizational performance;

4. *Also requests* UNICEF to provide, in the Data Companion, disaggregated data by various groups of countries.

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Extensions of ongoing country programmes

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Somalia and Yemen, which were approved by the Executive Director, as presented in table 1 to document E/ICEF/2015/P/L.11;

2. *Approves* the one-year extension of the country programme for Côte d'Ivoire, following a two-year extension, and the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lebanon and Libya, as presented in table 2 to document E/ICEF/2015/P/L.11.

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Evaluation reports, and management perspective and response

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report for 2014 on the evaluation function in UNICEF (E/ICEF/2015/10), and the management perspective (E/ICEF/2015/EB/1);

2. *Welcomes* continued progress in strengthening the evaluation function in line with the Revised Evaluation Policy of UNICEF (E/ICEF/2013/14);

3. *Notes with concern* that implementation of the plan for global thematic evaluations, 2014-2017 (E/ICEF/2014/3), managed by the Evaluation Office, is behind schedule, while appreciating that the Evaluation Office has undertaken a number of evaluations not included in the plan, including several urgent evaluations of UNICEF humanitarian action;

4. In this regard, *requests* UNICEF to revise the plan for global thematic evaluations, taking into account emerging priorities, and to present it for information to the Executive Board at its first regular session of 2016;

5. *Notes* the declining trend of stakeholders' engagement in evaluations in 2013, and requests UNICEF to analyse this trend in a future annual report on the evaluation function;

6. *Urges* UNICEF to accelerate progress towards achieving the target of allocating a minimum of one per cent of its overall programme expenditures to evaluation, in accordance with the Revised Evaluation Policy of UNICEF, while taking note of the progress made towards the target;

7. *Requests* UNICEF, in preparing the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017, to make full use of the evidence and lessons as presented in recent evaluation reports;

8. *Notes with appreciation* progress made in recent years in preparing management responses for evaluations, and encourages UNICEF to expedite

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implementation of agreed actions, to strengthen its system for monitoring implementation of these actions, and to report on progress made through the annual report on the evaluation function;

9. *Also notes with appreciation* the high quality of the report, *Formative evaluation of UNICEF's Monitoring Results for Equity System*, and encourages management to make full and timely use of the lessons and recommendations presented in the report;

10. *Calls upon* UNICEF to invite the United Nations Evaluation Group to arrange for a peer review of the UNICEF evaluation function as proposed in the Revised Evaluation Policy, to be initiated in 2016.

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Internal Audit and Investigations

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2014 annual report to the Executive Board (E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.2), the UNICEF management response to the annual report of the Office of Internal Audit and Investigations for 2014 (E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.3) and the UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee 2014 annual report;

2. *Requests* the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations to include in future annual reports:

(a) An opinion, based on the scope of work undertaken, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's framework of governance, risk management and control;

(b) A concise summary of work and the criteria that support the opinion;

(c) A statement of conformance with the internal audit standards to which UNICEF adheres;

(d) A view on whether the resourcing of the function is appropriate, sufficient and effectively deployed to achieve the desired internal audit coverage.

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